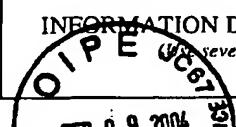


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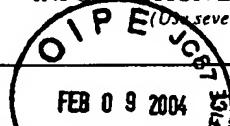
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	DH	5,358,205	10/1994	Starkey et al.	248	22021
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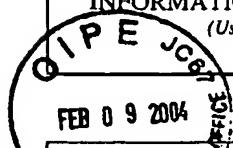
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